Reduction in investment limit of SSIs

3572. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that the investment limit of SSI units will be reduced from three crores to one crore;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined as to what would be the fate of these industries under the previous scheme of three crores investment; and

(c) whether Government feel that such drastic reduction will have a bad impact on the future of SSIs and propose to reconsider their decision?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister announced at the Laghu Udyog Bharti function held on 29.4.1998 that the investment limit for a SSI unit would be reduced from Rs. 3 crores to Rs. 1 crore. Necessary follow up action on PM's announcement is being taken.

All necessary steps would be taken to safeguard the interests of the SSI units which have either expanded or have otherwise become SSI units with investment ceiling of Rs. 3 crores. It would also be ensured that modernisation and expansion of the SSI sector does not suffer as a result of the follow up action on the PM's announcement.

Financial services scheme for SSIs

3573. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the 'financial service scheme' formulated for SSI in the country;

(b) he criteria adopted for extending financial assistance to the SSI entrepreneurs; and

(c) the details of financial assistance/ services provided to the entrepreneurs during the each of the last three years in each of the States of North East Region?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) There is no scheme by the name of Financial Service for Small Scale Industries (SSIs) in the country. However, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) provides several financial services to meet various needs of entrepreneurs of small scale industries in the country. These cover assistance for setting up new projects and for activities like expansion, modernisation, technology upgradation, marketing, export promotion, infrastructure development etc.

(b) The criteria for providing assistance to entrepreneurs relate to managerial capabilities of the promoter, technical, marketing & commercial aspects and overall viability of the project. The major parameters governing assistance from SIDBI are promoters contribution, debit-equity ratio & debt service coverage ratio. The objective is to ensure that no viable proposal is denied credit by SIDBI for want of funds. First generation technocrats, women entrepreneurs an those in tiny sectors are encouraged to set up their units with reduced promoters contribution and more favourable debt-equity ration.

(c) The assistance sanctioned and disbursed by SIDBI in each of the States of North East Region during the last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Assistance sanctioned & Disbursed by SIDBI in Each of the States of North East Region During the Last Three Years

(Rs. Crores)

	Assistance Under all Schemes					
	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
	Sanctioned	Disbursed	Sanctioned	Disbursed	Sanctioned	Disbursed
North Eastern Region						
Arunachal Pradesh	1.82	1.05	0.83	0.91	1.48	1.67
Assam	18.74	17.85	10.10	6.86	17.34	10.06
Manipur	2.33	2.30	2.12	2.09	2.53	2.42
Meghalaya	2.12	1.97	8.64	4.36	5.00	6.56
Mizoram	0.45	0.43	0.94	0.93	0.70	0.70
Nagaland	1.13	1.13	1.42	1.24	1.54	1.52
Tripura	3.96	3.40	4.82	4.78	4.07	3.83
TOTAL	30.55	28.13	28.87	21.17	32.66	26.76

सीमेंट का निर्यात व उत्पादन

3574. **श्री अखिलेश दास:**

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में उत्पादित विभिन्न प्रकार के सीमेन्ट का कितना प्रतिशत प्रतिवर्ष निर्यात किया जा रहा है;

(ख) घरेलू मांग के लिए कितना सीमेन्ट सुरक्षित रखा जा रहा है;

(ग) क्या विदेशों में भारतीय सीमेन्ट की बढ़ती मांग के संबंध में कोई अवलोकन किया गया है; और

(घ) वर्ष 1997-1998 के दौरान सीमेन्ट के उत्पादन, मांग व निर्यात के संदर्भ में किए गए सर्वेक्षण का ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): (क) 1996-97 के दौरान, सीमेंट और क्लिंकर का कुल निर्यात 2.7 मिलियन टन था जो विभिन्न प्रकार के सीमेंट के 76.22 मिलियन टन के कुल उत्पादन का लगभग 3.5% है।

(ख) सीमेंट की घरेलू उपभोग की मात्रा निर्धारित नहीं है। इस समय सीमेंट की आपूर्ति मांग से ज्यादा है।

(ग) और (घ) "सीमेंट उद्योग पर कृतिक बल" की सूचनानुसार, निर्यात के अच्छे अवसर हैं, विशेषकर भारतीय उप महाद्वीप, मध्य-पूर्व और दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के देशों में 1 वर्ष 1997-98 के लिए इसने 79 मिलियन टन की मांग और निर्यात सहित 83.5 मिलियन टन के उत्पादन अनुमान को प्रोजेक्ट किया था।

Restructuring Plan for PSUs

3575. **SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have asked different Ministries to submit restructuring plan of the Public Sector Undertakings under them;

(b) if so, the date fixed therefor;

(c) whether any Ministry has submitted any restructuring plan of any PSU;